

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a composite image including:
 - presenting a first image via a Web interface presented on a browser, the first image being generated from a product image file including warp information;
 - presenting a second image via a Web interface presented on the browser;
 - communicating a selection of the first image and the second image to a server via a network;
 - automatically generating a composite image of the first image and the second image at the server, the automatic generation of the composite image using the warp information included in the product image file, the automatic generation of the composite image including placing the second image onto the first image according to a warp ratio; and
 - communicating the composite image from the server to the browser via the network.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first image is a product image.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the second image is a decorative image including any one of a group of images including a logo image and a text image.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the composite image includes the second image placed in a default position on the first image.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including:
 - positioning the second image relative to the first image via a Web interface presented on the browser to generate relative positioning information;
 - communicating the relative positioning information to the server via the network; and
 - automatically generating the composite image of the first image and the second image at the server according to the relative positioning information.
- 6-15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the composite image is associated with information in a database, the associated information in the database being communicated together with the composite image from the server to the browser via the network as a photo sample.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the photo sample is sent via network to a specified e-mail address.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein a URL containing the photo sample is sent via network to a specified e-mail address.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein a user zooms in to the photo sample.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein a user zooms out of the photo sample.

21. (Previously Presented) A network-based method for generating a composite image, the method including:

receiving a first image and a second image at a server from a browser responsive to a user-selection of the first image and the second image, the first image is associated with a product image file including warp information;

automatically generating a composite image of the first image and the second image at the server, the automatic generation of the composite image being performed using the warp information, the automatic generation of the composite image including placing the second image onto the first image according to a warp ratio; and

communicating the composite image from the server to the browser via a network.

22. (Original) The network-based method of claim 21 wherein the first image is a product image.

23. (Original) The network-based method of claim 21 wherein the second image is a decorative image including any one of a group of images including a logo image and a text image.

24. (Original) The network-based method of claim 21 wherein the composite image includes the second image placed in a default position on the first image.

25. (Original) The network-based method of claim 21 including receiving a relative positioning information from the browser via the network and automatically generating the composite image of the first image and the second image at the server according to the relative positioning information.

26-31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) The network-based method of claim 21 wherein the composite image is associated with information in a database to generate a photo sample.

33. (Original) The network-based method of claim 32 wherein the photo sample is transmitted via the network to a specified e-mail address.

34. (Previously Presented) A network-based method for generating a composite image, the method including:

presenting a first image for user selection via a first Web interface presented on a browser, the first image being generated from a product image file including warp information;
uploading a second image;

communicating a selection of the first image and the second image to a server via a network;

receiving a composite image of the first image and the second image from the server at the browser via the network, the composite image having been generated using the warp

information included in the product image file, and having the second image appear on the first image according to a warp ratio; and

displaying the composite image via a second Web interface presented on the browser.

35. (Original) The network-based method of claim 34 wherein the first image is a product image.

36. (Original) The network-based method of claim 34 wherein the second image is a decorative image including any one of a group of images including a logo image and a text image.

37. (Original) The network-based method of claim 34 wherein the composite image includes second image placed in a default position on the first image.

38. (Original) The network-based method of claim 34 further including:

positioning the second image relative to the first image via a Web interface presented on the browser to generate a relative positioning information;

communicating the relative positioning information to the server via the network;

receiving the composite image of the first image and the second image from the server to the browser, the composite image generated according to the relative positioning information; and

displaying the composite image at the browser.

39-41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) A network-based method for generating a composite image, the method including:

presenting a first image for user selection via a first Web interface presented on a browser, the first image associated with a header containing warping information, the warping information including warp ratio;

presenting a second image for user selection via a second Web interface presented on the browser;

communicating a selection of the first image and the second image to a server via a network;

receiving a composite image of the first image and the second image from the server at the browser via the network, the composite image having been generated at the server using the warping information included in the header associated with the first image, and having the second image appear on the first image according to the warping ratio; and

displaying the composite image via a third Web interface presented on the browser.

43. (Original) The network-based method of claim 42 wherein the first image is a product image.

44. (Original) The network-based method of claim 42 wherein the second image is a decorative image including any one of a group of images including a logo image and a text image.

45. (Original) The network-based method of claim 42 wherein the composite image includes second image placed in a default position on the first image.

46. (Original) The network-based method of claim 42 further including:

positioning the second image relative to the first image via a Web interface presented on the browser to generate a relative positioning information;

communicating the relative positioning information to the server via the network;

receiving the composite image of the first image and the second image from the server to the browser, the composite image generated according to the relative positioning information; and

displaying the composite image at the browser.

47-49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for generating a composite image including:
a first image database, the first image database to store at least one first image file, the first image file including a header containing a warp ratio;
a second image database, said second image database to store at least one second image file;
a server to receive a user selection of the first image file and the second image file and to generate a composite image of a first image and a second image wherein the second image is positioned relative to the first image, and wherein the composite image is generated using the warp ratio contained in the header of the first image file, the generated composite image including the second image placed onto the first image according to the warp ratio.

51. (Original) The apparatus of claim 50 wherein the first image is a product image.

52. (Original) The apparatus of claim 50 wherein the second image is a decorative image including any one of a group of images including a logo image and a text image.

53-54. (Canceled)

55. (Original) The apparatus of claim 50 wherein the server is further configured to generate a photo sample.

56. (Original) The apparatus of claim 50 wherein the server is further configured to transmit the photo sample via the network to a specified e-mail address.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for generating a composite image including:
means for presenting a first image via a Web interface presented on a browser, the first image being generated from a product image file including warp information;
means for presenting a second image via a Web interface presented on the browser;
means for communicating a selection of the first image and the second image to a server via a network;

means for automatically generating a composite image of the first image and the second image at the server, the automatic generation of the composite image using the warp information included in the product image file, and including placing the second image onto the first image according to a warp ratio; and

means for communicating the composite image from the server to the browser via the network.

58. (Original) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the first image is a product image.

59. (Original) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the second image is a decorative image including any one of a group of images including a logo image and a text image.

60-61. (Canceled)

62. (Original) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the means for automatically generating a composite image are further configured to generate a photo sample.

63. (Original) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the means for automatically generating a composite image are further configured to transmit the photo sample via the network to a specified e-mail address.

64-70. (Canceled)

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the warp ratio provides a cylindrical warping.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the warp ratio provides a spherical warping.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address an undulating product image topography.

74. (Canceled)

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the warp ratio provides a cylindrical warping.

76- 79. (Canceled)

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address a cubist product image topology.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the warp ratio is automatically calculated based on the diameter of a product.

82. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 21, wherein the warp ratio provides a spherical warping.

83. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 21, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address an undulating product image topography.

84. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 21, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address a cubist product image topology.

85. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 21, wherein the warp ratio is automatically calculated based on the diameter of a product.

86. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 34, wherein the warp ratio provides a cylindrical warping.

87. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 34, wherein the warp ratio provides a spherical warping.

88. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 34, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address an undulating product image topography.

89. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 34, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address a cubist product image topology.

90. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 34, wherein the warp ratio is automatically calculated based on the diameter of a product.

91. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 42, wherein the warp ratio provides a cylindrical warping.

92. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 42, wherein the warp ratio provides a spherical warping.

93. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 42, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address an undulating product image topography.

94. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 42, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address a cubist product image topology.

95. (Previously Presented) The network-based method of claim 42, wherein the warp ratio is automatically calculated based on the diameter of a product.

96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the warp ratio provides a cylindrical warping.

97. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the warp ratio provides a spherical warping.

98. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address an undulating product image topography.

99. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address a cubist product image topology.

100. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the warp ratio is automatically calculated based on the diameter of a product.

101. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the warp ratio provides a cylindrical warping.

102. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the warp ratio provides a spherical warping.

103. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address an undulating product image topography.

104. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the warp ratio is further defined to address a cubist product image topology.

105. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the warp ratio is automatically calculated based on the diameter of a product.